

\*\*\*\*\*January 25, 2019\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a worksession on Friday, January 25, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum  
Vice Mayor Amy Speek (arrived at 12:55 p.m.)  
Councilmember Bill Lusk  
Councilmember Susannah Murdock  
Councilmember Robert Spalding

Others present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White  
See attached list for others present

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

### **Citizens Opportunity to Address Council**

Mayor Landrum invited comments from the audience.

Claire Griesinger, Carriage Hill, thanked whoever was putting the Town's resolutions on the website.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

### **Resolutions**

1. "A RESOLUTION OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) FOR THE CONTRACT WITH RAINES BROTHERS, INC. FOR RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS TO THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER."

Councilmember Spalding asked for a timeline of the construction. Boyd Veal, Town Manager, replied that the estimated completion of the construction was late April or May. He said the sprinkler is the main concern. He said the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) would probably not be open in time for the Centennial Celebration.

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

2. "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERMS OF THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR TOWN ATTORNEY SERVICES AND APPOINTING HARRY R. CASH AS TOWN ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2019."

Vice Mayor Speek made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY FOR A TERM OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 01, 2019 THROUGH FEBRUARY 01, 2020, WHICH RETAINS THE WATER PURCHASE RATE OF \$1.0344 PER HUNDRED CUBIC FEET.

Vice Mayor Speek made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

### **Ordinances**

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 11, CHAPTER 5 OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED "FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND MISSILES".

Vice Mayor Speek motioned to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the second reading.

2. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 20, CHAPTER 5, ENTITLED "SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PARK REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES."

Councilmember Spalding motioned to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Vice Mayor Speek seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the second reading.

3. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1-101 OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE IN REFERENCE TO THE TIME AND PLACE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS."

Vice Mayor Speek motioned to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the second reading.

### **Discussion**

- a. Centennial Budget. Snoda Hendricks, Mtn. Orchard Path, spoke as a member of the Centennial Celebration Committee (CCC). Mrs. Hendricks asked the Council to provide a list of persons to send invitations for the kick-off celebration on April 4, 2019 at the Alexian Inn.

Councilmember Murdock suggested a Hall of Fame be created to recognize citizens who have contributed to Signal Mountain in a significant way. Councilmember Murdock also suggested an artist create something to give the honorees as a thank you.

Council discussed having a shuttle service from a parking lot to the Alexian Inn. Mayor Landrum said he will set up a sound system for the kick-off event, which will be borrowed from the MACC.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that a budget of \$40,000.00 had been established for the Centennial Celebration, based on receiving \$20,000.00 in donations. He said that no donations have been received. He said he estimates the currently identified expenses to be slightly over \$10,000.00. He said this amount includes funds for a picnic, fireworks and banners.

Council discussed the feasibility of having the parade, picnic and fireworks in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events held annually. The Council asked Mrs. Hendricks to ask the CCC to consider moving the date for these events.

b. Library Expansion. Mr. Veal informed the Council that the Library Board is investigating expanding the current library building. He said the Board hopes to get the Library Foundation to raise funds to build the expansion and that they are not currently requesting Town funding.

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the Library Foundation to start a fund raising campaign for building expansion. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

c. Tennis Court Repairs – Available Capital Projects Funding. Mr. Veal explained to the Council that when the bid was advertised the first time for the tennis court repairs, there were no responses. The Town then advertised the bid a second time. He said that 7 contractors attended the pre-bid meeting, but only 1 submitted a bid. Mr. Veal said that bid was \$170,000.00 on a budgeted \$90,000.00 project.

Council discussed several options to change the scale or parameters of the project, or methods to fund the additional costs. Mr. Veal reminded the Council that there are funds available from a recent loan obtained for construction projects that will soon be completed. He estimated a balance of approximately \$500,000.00 will be available from these funds.

Council instructed Mr. Veal to investigate expanding the tennis courts at the Country Club.

d. Bleacher Shade Proposal – Donation from Baseball league. Mr. Veal informed the Council that the Signal Mountain Youth Baseball League wants to fund the purchase of bleacher shades at the ballfields. He said the cost of these shades is approximately \$19,000.00. Mr. Veal said the League will donate \$20,000.00 to the Town to purchase the shades and asks the Town to spend an additional \$13,000.00 (plus shipping) to install the shades.

Mr. Veal explained that there are no funds budgeted for this purpose, but that there are sufficient funds budgeted in the Facilities Maintenance budget to do the project as long as a budget amendment is also approved to cover the additional costs at a later time.

Vice Mayor Speek made a motion to support the proposed project and to authorize the Town Manager to move forward with documentation. Councilmember Lust seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

e. Bike Trail – Town Hall Complex. Mr. Veal said the Town had been approached by Camilla Mincey (a high school student) who wishes to put a bike path throughout the Town Hall complex. Mr. Veal said he is comfortable that the student and her father (a Parks Board member) can properly complete the project. He said no trees will be removed for the project and that once the path is in place the Town will maintain it.

Vice Mayor Speek made a motion to approve the bike trail project. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

f. Budget Process and Schedule. After discussion, the Council agreed to have a special meeting to review the budget proposals on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

g. MACC – Alcohol – Brown Bag. Mr. Veal explained that the Signal Mountain Elementary Preservation Fund (SMEPF) organization has asked that they be authorized to allow participants to bring their own alcohol to events that the SMEPF sponsors at the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC). Mr. Veal explained that there is an Ordinance that allows an exception for MACC events if the business catering the event has sufficient liability insurance naming the Town as an insured party. Following discussion, the Council agreed they are fine with the idea. Mr. Veal will obtain further information prior to the Town making any final decision.

h. TCRS Study. Mr. Veal reminded the Council that he had been authorized to investigate the feasibility of providing prior service years with the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) for two employees. He reported that TCRS had completed the study and determined the cost to the Town would be \$94,980.00. The Council agreed that this was too costly a benefit to offer at this time.

#### **Board Liaison Reports**

Councilmember Lusk said the Parks Board had met on the 7<sup>th</sup> and discussed a survey of the Cumberland Trail as it traverses the Rainbow Lake wilderness. He said they had discussed additional parking for Rainbow Lake because of the huge overflow on Ohio.

Councilmember Lusk said there was a Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) meeting on Wednesday to approve the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. Councilmember Lusk said the Town's request for a grant for a bike/ped path from Town Hall to the Piper's Path had not been selected.

Councilmember Lusk said the Tree Board discussed the timing of the tree giveaway. He said this event is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Lusk asked that the addition of \$5,000.00 be considered for the next budget for the Tree Board. He said these funds would be used for fliers outlining best practices, an arborist, etc.

Councilmember Murdock said she will be attending her first MACC Board meeting on Wednesday.

Councilmember Spalding said he has received a request to plant an honor tree for the work done by Noah Long on the Tree Board.

### **Manager's Reports**

Mr. Veal said that most of his items had already been discussed, but he wanted to inform the Council that Sam Guin, Special Projects and Compliance Manager has been working on the project to improve to the monument at Coolidge Park. He said the State has licensed a part of the right-of-way to the Town to make these improvements.

### **Tentative Agenda**

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the February 11, 2019 regular meeting.


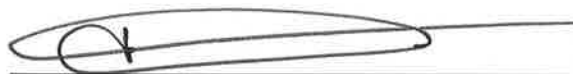
### **Other Business**

Mayor Landrum said the Council packet had not been placed on the web site for today's meeting. Mr. Veal explained this is a new procedure and this was just an oversight that will be corrected. Mayor Landrum asked that in addition to placing the packet on the web site, that paper copies be available at the meeting.

Councilmember Spalding said he is working with the High School to coordinate volunteers for this year's Sparkle Day cleanup.

Councilmember Spalding asked the Council members to nominate and recognize youth for the Mayor for a Minute program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Dan Landrum, Mayor  
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Recorder